

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to make Railway Protection Force more effective in view of constant increase in the cases of thefts, robbery and murders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUNI): (a) and (b). Policing being a State subject, maintenance of law and order and control of related crime on railway premises including running trains is the responsibility of the State Governments which they discharge through their respective Government Railway Police. As regards the Railway Protection Force which is intended for the security and protection of railway property, various measures are being taken from time to time to modernise the force and to make it more efficient by equipping it with modern equipments, vehicles, arms and ammunition and training aids.

[*English*]

Financial Assistance from International Organisation for Research

5381. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance received from various International Organisations for medical research during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the financial aid likely to be received therefor during the next three years alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any such proposal/project form Maharashtra seeking financial assistance from the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Cobalt Therapy Units

5382. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of Cobalt Therapy Units set up during the last three years for/treatment of cancer patients, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Role of Women In Communal Harmony and National Integration

5383. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference on the role of women in maintaining communal harmony and national integration has been held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details with objectives of such Conference;

(c) whether the Government propose to draw programmes to involve women actively

in the activities of communal harmony and national integration;

- (d) if so, the details thereof, and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUAMRI MAMATA BANERJEE). (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House

[*Translation*]

Accidents on Western and Northern Railways

5384 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-

GAVA. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail accidents on the Western and Northern Railways during the last three years; and

(b) the total loss of life and damage to property as a result thereof during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Year-wise position of rail accidents, number of persons killed and cost of damage to railway property on Northern and Western Railways during the last three years is as under –

	Northern			Western		
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
No. of accidents	81	70	60	59	54	49
No. of persons killed	13	38	20	15	67	26
Cost of damage to railway property (Rs. in lakhs)	118.91	414.01	507.07	27.20	28.88	436.88

[*English*]

Homoeopathy Pharmacy Council

5385. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 191 on August 22, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Homoeopathy Pharmacy Council has been formed,

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether the Pharmacy Council of India has been entrusted with the work of introducing Diploma in Pharmacy Course for Homoeopathic Pharmacists; and